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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Deputy Director for Science
and Technology

SUBJECT: Request for Paper for the National
Intelligence Program Memorandum

Don:

1. This is to follow up on your discussion with [redacted] on the preparation of a paper which addresses R&D and "big systems" planning for the forward period.

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2. As you know, the President's 5 November 1971 memorandum requests the DCI to prepare a "consolidated intelligence program budget" which would provide a detailed review of the needs and performance of the intelligence community. We prefer for obvious reasons to think of this document as a National Intelligence Program Memorandum (NIPM) in which the emphasis is clearly on needs, priorities, and performance rather than dollars and people.

3. The approach this year will be to have the DCI address several large intelligence problems (e.g., Soviet Strategic Weapons Program; Southeast Asia; Chinese Strategic Weapons Program; etc.) in terms of what the problem is now, what the trend will be for the next several years, and relate how the programs contained in the various community budgets are geared to work against the problem. We will also want to address the adequacy or deficiency of resources. We propose to suggest to the Director that his NIPM look at the community resources as an integrated capability -- along the lines we took in the Congressional speech.

4. It would be most helpful to have from you a piece which would be the substantive base for the Research and Development section of the NIPM. The paper might address R&D across-the-board with particular attention to "big systems" needs and plans. Specifically, the following points should be considered for discussion in the paper:

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- The intelligence need for R&D now, and as you see it several years from now (1974-78). (This might address in substantive terms the intelligence gaps, requirements, and observables that R&D must address if intelligence is to meet the demands placed on it in the future.)

- The community's approach (both technical and substantive) to filling the gaps. (Here it may be possible to identify such things as where we are putting our emphasis -- on improving analytical methodologies or improving sensor capabilities.)

- The major systems or projects that must be pushed, including an appreciation of the priority of each. (Identify new projects that will be competing for resources during the period as well as ongoing efforts that may require the infusion of additional resources.)

5. The OMB has requested that the National Intelligence Program Memorandum be submitted in early October. We want to try to make this date and will need your input in very early August 1972. The staff here will then add discussions of specific program, resource, and management issues to your material and assemble the required financial data in time to permit appropriate coordination in the Agency and the community.

[Redacted Signature]

Comptroller, IC Staff

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Sayre:

Per our conversation last week, I would appreciate your taking on the task of drafting this paper for the National Intelligence Program Memorandum. As we discussed I am asking [] to work with you on this. If there are others that you would like to have participate, please let me know.

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Les:

I would appreciate your working with Sayre Stevens on this supplying him with a discussion of the overhead collection outlook and any other topics you and he agree on.

Don Steininger

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cc: Sayre Stevens

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